services, some of which are given below:

(i) Phone Plus Services like Call Forwarding, Call Waiting wake up call, Dynamic STD etc.

(ii) Internet based services like E-mail, SMS, Web Hosting, Digital Signatures etc.

(iii) PCO services including Mobile PCOs.

(iv) Broadband services.

(v) Cellular Mobile Services.

(vi) CDMA Mobile Services and Fixed Wireless Services.

(vii) VPN services

(viii) Leased Lines Services including managed leased line services.

(ix) ISDN services.

(x) Answering Machine Services.

(xi) Trunk Services.

(xii) Wi-Fi Services.

As on 31-10-2005, numbers of subscribers serviced by BSNL and MTNL under different telecom service categories are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Services	BSNL	MTNL
1.	Basic	5,05,64,147	40,26,216
2.	Cellular Mobile	1,33,35,472	13,65,988
3.	Broadband	4,64,909	1,12,062
4.	Internet	30,00,000	11,83,263

(b) and (c) Infrastructure facilities are created by BSNL and MTNL keeping in view their long term use. Therefore, provision of such facilities to private operators is on need and availability basis.

Release of Commemorative stamp

†3235. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the eve of 300th anniversary of Gur-da-gaddi in Nanded, Government are going to release any postal stamp;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) No proposal has been received by the Department of Posts for release of a postage stamp on the eve of 300th anniversary of Gur-da-gaddi in Nanded.

Villages without VPTs

3236. SHRI S.ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) provided by BSNL during each month of the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the number of villages which still remain without VPTs, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the villages in the country would be provided with VPTs by the end of 2007;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the justifications therefor; and

(e) if not, the steps proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) A statement indicating the circle-wise number of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in each month of the last financial year from 01-04-2004 to 31-03-2005 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A Statement indicating the circle-wise number of villages without VPT is given in the Statement-II (*See* below). This excludes villages having less than 100 population, lying in thick forest area/naxalite infested areas etc.

(c) to (e) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has signed an agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in November, 2004 for provision of Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in the remaining 66,822 unconnected villages which are inhabited and do not lie in thick forest areas/naxalite infested areas. These villages will be covered progressively by November, 2007.

Out of these unconnected villages, 14,233 villages have been provided with VPTs as on 31-10-2005.